

GEORGE HOMMILL.

[To accompany bill H. R. No. 222.]

MARCH 5, 1840.

Mr. CHITTENDEN, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, made the following

REPORT:

*The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of George Hommill, having had the same under consideration, beg leave to report :*

That the petitioner states, on oath, that he enlisted as a soldier in the army of the United States for five years, and continued in the service during the period of his enlistment, when he was honorably discharged. At Natchitoches, in the winter of 1817, where the company to which he was attached was stationed, he was employed in building a fort. While he and another soldier were employed in sawing plank for the fort, with a whip-saw, the saw-pit fell, and he being on the top, and one of his feet becoming entangled, fell, by which his left wrist was put out of joint, and his right shoulder hurt, so that he has never had good use of them since, and is so far disabled by said fall that he is not capable of doing the same amount of labor as if he had not received said hurt.

It appears by the testimony of twelve persons acquainted with the said petitioner, that he is a man of truth and veracity, and that they give full credit to his statement as true.

Henry Maggart, a soldier of the same company, testifies that he saw said petitioner a few minutes after he fell; his shoulder was broken, and his wrist put out of place. He was engaged at the time in sawing plank for the fort, and in the line of his duty. The petitioner was under the care of a physician about three months, and was not capable of performing his duty.

This witness is proven by four credible persons, as certified by the magistrate, to be a man of truth and veracity.

Two physicians, William R. Dulaney and C. R. Dulaney, testify that they have examined the said petitioner, and give it as their opinion, that, by reason of said injury his inability for labor is one-half.

The committee consider that said Hommill is entitled to relief, and therefore report a bill for four dollars per month, commencing on the 1st day of January, 1838, and to continue during his natural life.

